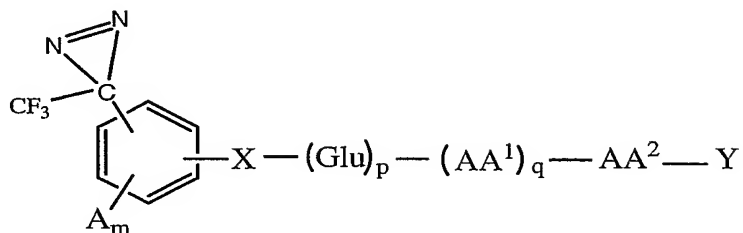


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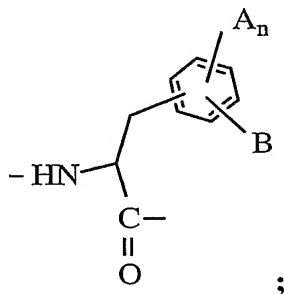
1. A compound having the formula I, or a salt thereof:



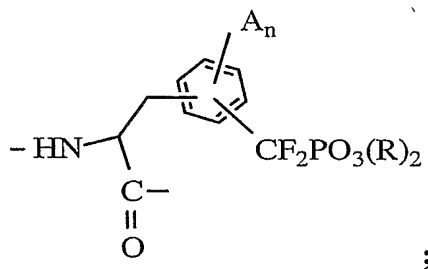
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wherein Glu is a glutamic acid residue wherein the gamma-carboxy group of said glutamic acid residue is a free carboxylic acid or a C₁₋₃ alkyl ester;

AA¹ is an amino acid residue having the formula



AA² is an amino acid residue having the formula



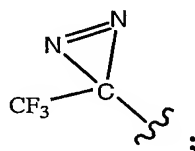
X is a difunctional group selected from CH₂ and carbonyl;

Y is selected from the group consisting of OH and NR_2 ;

Each R is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C_{1-6} alkyl, said C_{1-6} alkyl being linear or branched;

A is a substituent selected from the group consisting of CH_3 , CF_3 , and halogen;

Each B is a substituent selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{CF}_2\text{PO}_3(\text{R})_2$ and



m is 0, 1, or 2;

each n is independently 0, 1, or 2;

p is 0, 1, or 2; and

q is 0, 1, or 2.

2. A compound of Claim 1, wherein

Glu is a glutamic acid residue, wherein the gamma carboxy group of said glutamic acid residue is a free carboxylic acid or a methyl ester;

m is 0 or 1;

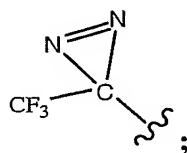
each n is independently 0 or 1; and

p is 0 or 1.

3. A compound of Claim 2, wherein

Each A is a halogen independently selected from F, Cl, Br, and I;

Each group B is a substituent selected from $-\text{CF}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$ and



Y is NH_2 ;

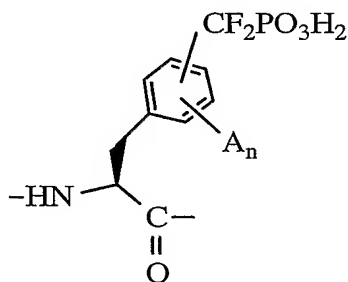
R is H; and

q is 0 or 1.

4. A compound of Claim 3, wherein Glu is a glutamic acid residue in which the gamma carboxy group is a free carboxylic acid residue.

5. A compound of Claim 1, wherein AA¹ and AA² are each phenylalanine residues, wherein the substituents on the phenyl ring of said phenylalanine residues are as defined in Claim 1.

6. A compound of Claim 1, wherein AA¹ and AA² are amino acid residues having the formula



Wherein each A is independently selected from the group consisting of Br and I;

m is 0 or 1;

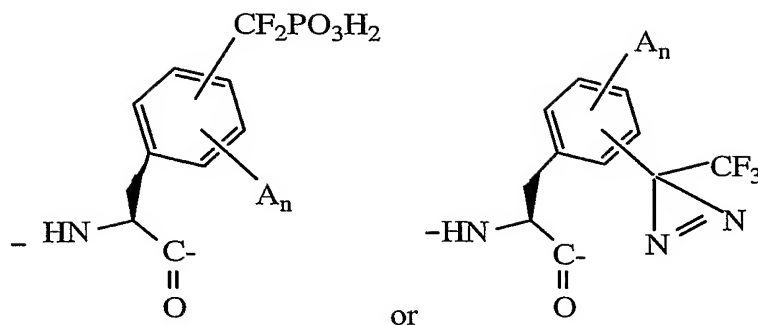
each n is independently 0 or 1;

p is 0 or 1;

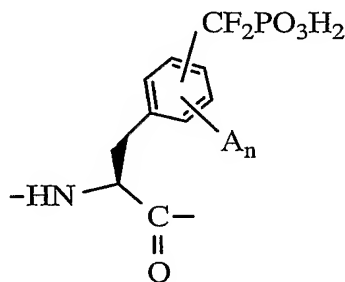
q is 0 or 1; and

Y is NH₂.

7. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein AA¹ is an amino acid residue having the formula:



wherein Glu is a glutamic acid residue, the gamma-carboxy group of said glutamic acid residue being a free carboxylic acid or methyl ester;
 AA² is a phenylalanine residue of the formula



Each A is independently selected from the group consisting of Br and I;
 Y is -NH₂;
 R is H;
 m is 0 or 1;
 each n is independently 0 or 1;
 p is 0 or 1; and
 q is 0 or 1.

8. A compound of Claim 7, wherein Glu is a glutamic acid residue in which the gamma carboxy group is a free carboxylic acid residue.

9. A compound of Claim 1, or a salt thereof, having a structural formula selected from the group consisting of:

